

Two Freethought Conventions

Canal Dover, Ohio, September 5---9

MATERIALIST ASSOCIATION Program

SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 5.—Round Table Conference in parlors of Central Hotel to outline convention work and discuss methods of propaganda.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Buckeye Secular Union at Hardesty's Opera House.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.—Morning Session.

1. Election of chairman of convention.
2. Chairman's opening address.
3. Secretary's report of membership and finance.
4. Appointment of Committees.

5. Discussion of members present, and reading of letters from absent members upon methods for the promotion and welfare of the Association and its propaganda.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1. Reports of Committees.
2. General discussion on propaganda with such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.
3. Introduction of secretaries, writers, delegates, fraternal delegates from other organizations, for five minute talks on any subject.

EVENING SESSION.

1. Address—"Sunday Meetings"Eliza Mowry Bliven
2. AddressDr. T. J. Bowles
"The basis of our hopes is the law of progress."
3. AddressJohn R. Charlesworth
"Life, death and immortality, or Materialism v. Theology."
4. Debate—"For and Against Socialism."

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.—Morning Session.

1. General discussion "Do we need any constitution in addition to our invitation and application blanks"? Shall we introduce the words "I believe into all future blanks," before the words, "There is no god or future life?"

2. Election of officers for ensuing term.

3. Final reports of Committees and action on propaganda work.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Woman's Meeting.—This is not only for materialist and agnostic women but for all women promoters of the various moral, educational, political and philanthropic movements. We want to bring these women together at Canal Dover and each explain their methods, objects and plans.

During this day examples will be given of the meetings proposed that should take the place of religious services in all churches.

EVENING SESSION.

1. Address—(Selected)Jesse White
2. AddressOtto Wettstein
"The Axe to the Root, or a God Impossible in Nature."
3. Address—"The Reign of King Humbug".....Dr. J. B. Wilson
4. Debate—"Woman Suffrage and Prohibition."

All members and women speakers for Tuesday's meetings should send their names to the Secretary.

MRS. ELIZA MOWRY BLIVEN,

PROGRAM OF CONVENTION

Buckeye Secular Union Arranges for Splendid Gathering at Canal Dover, O., Sept. 6.

MATERIALIST ASSOCIATION ON HAND.

The sixth annual session of the Buckeye Secular Union will be held in Hardesty's Opera House, Third Street, Canal Dover, Ohio, Sunday, September 6th, E. M. 308.

PROGRAM.

Morning Session.

- 9:00.—Address of Welcome.....Samuel Toomey
ResponseOtto Wettstein
10:00.—Report of the Secretary.....Miss Lou Lawrence
Report of the Treasurer.....Mr. J. Wilbur White
10:30.—Election of Officers for Ensuing Year.
11:00.—Short Speech, or Round Table Discussion, by Members.
12:00.—Adjourn for Luncheon.

Afternoon Session.

- 1:30.—Why I am a Freethinker.....Mr. A. C. Narragon
2:00.—Lesson from "Paine".....Mr. William McCarthy
2:15.—What Is Superstition.....W. S. English, Esq.
2:45.—What Is Education.....Mr. Jesse P. White
3:15.—The Basis of Our Hopes Is the Law of Progress
Dr. T. J. Bowles
4:30.—Trolley ride to Tuscora Park.

Evening Session.

- 7:30.—Idealism.....Mr. Walter C. Hardesty
7:50.—What Women Ought to do Instead of Church Work
Mrs. Eliza Mowry Bliven
8:30.—Secular Philosophy vs. Christian Faith.
Mr. John R. Charlesworth, Editor Blue Grass Blade

The following committees are herewith appointed:

Organization—Eliza M. Bliven, Gus A. Parr, Benjamin Baldwin, Esq.

Resolutions—Dr. J. T. Bowles, Helen M. Lucas, A. C. Narragon.
Press—John R. Charlesworth, Lou Lawrence, E. M. Lowe, Wm. McCarthy, Chas. Betcher.

Finance—Samuel Toomey, Anna H. McGuire, Joseph E. Johnston.

Entertainment—Walter C. Hardesty, Belle M. Converse, Alfred M. Stowe.

NOTICE.

The Central Hotel will be headquarters, and a special rate of \$1.50 per day will be given to those attending the convention.

The Materialist Association will meet in Canal Dover on the 7th and 8th of September, and will be present at the meeting of the Buckeye Secular Union. The two events cover three days. The M. A. will also meet in the Hardesty Opera House. The program for this convention will be announced in a few days.

Everybody invited and free discussion, free press and free speech is our motto.